

Mississippi State University

The Department of Sociology seeks a **Department Head** at the rank of **Professor**, anticipated to begin July 1, 2019. Candidate must have a Ph.D., a commitment to academic excellence, an established research and extramural funding record, and a commitment to effective academic leadership and administration. Substantive area open. The successful candidate will join a large multidisciplinary department. Programs offered include B.A. in Sociology, B.A. in Criminology, B.S.W. in Social Work, and M.S. and Ph.D. in Sociology. The Department Head will serve on graduate committees and as major professor for a very limited number of students. The Department Head will guide curricular revision and programmatic assessment; guide faculty through the tenure and promotion process; oversee all personnel matters; manage the budget; serve as liaison between faculty and administration; and sustain and enhance collaborative programs with other campus units. Documented experience in departmental or college leadership positions is required. Teaching expectation is one course per semester. The department consists of 20 faculty members, more than 390 undergraduate majors, and approximately 50 graduate students. The Department has strong ties to the African American Studies Program and the Gender Studies Program, as well as to several research centers, including the Social Science Research Center (www.ssrc.msstate.edu), the National Strategic Planning & Analysis Research Center (www.nsparc.msstate.edu), and the National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision (www.blind.msstate.edu). More information on the department and its programs can be seen at www.sociology.msstate.edu.

Mississippi State University (MSU), is located in Starkville, MS, which is a progressive, growing, sun-belt community. MSU is a top 100 major research university, with growing enrollment (22,000), and is the recipient of a Higher Research Activity and a Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. MSU also received recognition as a “Great College to Work For” by the Chronicle of Higher Education in 2016 and 2017.

Materials should be sent via mail to: Dr. Eddie French, Search Chair, Department Head Recruitment Committee, Department of PSPA, P.O. Box PC, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS 39762 OR electronically to: qmillier@pspa.msstate.edu. Items that must be included are a vitae, a letter describing research philosophy and research interests, and supporting materials demonstrating teaching, service, and scholarly achievement, as well as a cover letter addressing commitment to effective academic leadership and administration. At least three letters of reference should be sent directly to the Chair of the Department Head Recruitment Committee. Applicants must also apply online at <http://explore.msujobs.msstate.edu/> (PARF 497806). Review of applications will begin January 7, 2019, although applications will be accepted and reviewed until the position is filled.

MSU is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, ethnicity, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, disability status, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. We always welcome nominations and applications from women, members of any minority group, and others who share our passion for building a diverse community that reflects the diversity in our student population.